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Whereas, in the Spring of 1898, two Franciscan Sisters from Maryville, Missouri, came to Oklahoma City to raise funds for their missions; and

Whereas, St. Anthony Hospital was established in two rent houses at 219 N.W. 4th Street, the former site of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, on August 1, 1898; and

Whereas, St. Anthony Hospital established the first nursing school in Oklahoma in 1908; and

Whereas, St. Anthony Hospital has grown from serving 260 patents in 1900 to now nearly 400,000 patients per year and there have been more than 165,000 Oklahoma babies born at St. Anthony Hospital' as the hospital remains committed to providing quality healthcare across Oklahoma; and

Whereas, SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital remained dedicated "Saints in Action" through multiple crises, including Yellow Fever, Spanish Flu, Polio, the Oklahoma City bombing, the COVID pandemic, and more; and

Whereas, SSM Health St. Anthony is one of the largest employers in every community they serve and is committed to being the first, foremost and future for health care in Oklahoma; and

Whereas, SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital is dedicated to their Mission "Through our exceptional health care service we reveal the healing presence of God';

**Row Therefore,** I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim August 10, 2023, as

"St. Anthony Hospital Day in Oklahoma"

in the State of Oklahoma

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great <u>Seal of</u> the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this Second day of Avovst, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty three, and of the State of Oklahoma in the Me-hundred